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**Acclaimed Fiction Writer Marisa Silver To Read at Cal Poly Feb. 8**

Marisa Silver, acclaimed fiction writer and filmmaker, will give the next presentation in Cal Poly's WriterSpeak lineup at 7 p.m. Feb. 8 in Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center.

Silver is the author of the recently released debut collection of short stories "Babe in Paradise." Her fiction has appeared in The New Yorker and the Georgetown Review and has been anthologized in "Best American Short Stories."

She also directed the films "He Said, She Said," "Permanent Record," "Vital Signs" and "Indecency."

Novelist Margot Livesey, in praise of Silver's collection of stories, wrote, "How well Marisa Silver writes about her n'er-do-well characters, and how cunningly she invents their lives in these glittering stories. 'Babe in Paradise' is a passionate and memorable debut."

Writer Andrea Barrett calls Silver's work, "Energetic, inventive, and intensely dramatic, these fine stories illuminate unexpectedly dark corners of the American dream."

Silver earned a Master's of Fine Arts from the Warren Wilson Program for Writers. She lives in Los Angeles.

Admission to this event is free and open to the public. The reading is sponsored by Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, English Department and Cal Poly Arts. For more information, contact English faculty member Adam Hill at 756-1622.

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